

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 24-28 and 31-50 are pending.

The claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103 in view of Lewis (U.S. Appl. Publ. No. 2001/0041992), Jones (U.S. Pat. No. 6,516,324), and Vining (U.S. Pat. No. 6,819,785), as set forth in the instant Office action and in the Office action mailed January 12, 2007.

The present invention facilitates the efforts of medical radiologists when they prepare radiological reports; for example, body section CTs. See for example ¶¶13 and 36-40 in the specification as originally filed. Without conceding the merits of the claim rejections, independent claims 24, 37, and 44 have been amended to further narrow the scope of the claims to report types of body section CTs. No new matter has been added.

Claim 24 recites in part (see also claims 37 and 44):

“presenting a list of report types, each report type corresponding to a body section CT;” (underlining added to highlight)

The system of Lewis presents in Fig. 4A an anatomical model 402 of the entire body. Fig. 4B illustrates a user having “drilled down” to the left shoulder, at which point in Fig. 4C the user can assign a CPT code or an ICD9 code. Lewis’ sequences in Fig. 4 do not represent a presentation of a body section CT.

Claim 24 further recites in part:

receiving ... a selected report type, the selected report type being associated with a plurality of organs imaged by a CT scan of the body section corresponding to the selected report type;

for the selected report type:

presenting an organ list of the associated organs imaged by a CT scan of the body section corresponding to the selected report type; (underlining added to highlight)

See also claims 37 and 44. Illustrative examples are given in ¶¶14-15 and 36-40 of the specification as originally filed. Thus, for a “male chest, abdomen, and pelvis CT” the organs associated with such a CT scan would include the organs in the chest, abdomen and pelvis; nothing more.

Lewis, on the other hand, allows a user to drill down to any specific organ of interest. By providing this capability, Lewis fundamentally does not teach the recited “presenting an organ list of the associated organs imaged by a CT scan of the body section corresponding to the selected report type.”

Jones was cited for accessing reports and is believed to be not otherwise relevant to the foregoing added limitations.

Vining was cited for composing medical descriptions and is believed to be not otherwise relevant to the foregoing added limitations.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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